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Single Record Student Database (SRSD) Data Quality Issues (revised 2/11/2005)

One of the uses of SRSD data is to determine graduation and dropout rates for Michigan's high schools, so it is important that the data reported are accurate reflections of each student's current status. Data inaccuracies may result in graduation and dropout rates that are spurious. After careful analysis, the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) has isolated the most prevalent data quality issues affecting the calculation of graduation and dropout rates. These seem to be associated with the errors in the fields listed below. It is, therefore, important that districts pay close attention to the accuracy of these fields, ensuring that they are in accord with the definitions that follow:

Field 20: Date of Enrollment

By definition, the date of enrollment is the date the student originally enrolled in the school district. The date of enrollment is also the most current date for any student that left the school district and re-enrolled in the same school district. The date is used to identify new students who transfer into the school district. For purposes of the graduation and dropout calculations, the date of enrollment is a key indicator for identifying new students. If a student's enrollment date (SRSD Field 20) is after the previous submission's count date (SRSD Field 123), then the student is considered to be "new into the district."

Field 23: District Exit Status

The district exit status is used to track student movement in or out of the district. This is used to identify graduates, dropouts and transfers. For example, if a student has graduated, the exit status code must reflect one of the appropriate graduation codes.

Field 24: Date Exited

The date exited is used to identify the timeframe in which student movement in or out of the district takes place.

Field 29: Program Eligibility/Participation

The Program Eligibility/Participation field is used to identify those students omitted from the graduation and dropout calculations (e.g., adult education students).

Field 125: Program Eligibility/Participation II

The Program Eligibility/Participation II field is used to identify those students omitted from the graduation and dropout calculations (e.g., alternative education students).